

This petition is not in the best interest of the Amateur Radio Service. It is an "ego booster" for the FISTS group, who are clinging to the past. They are the same type of people who cried "Spark Forever!" when CW came along, and then cried about SSB replacing AM. A look at the past few years of Public Service activity by Amateur Radio Operators reveals the fact that CW had no part in any of the disaster responses despite the claims of the FISTS group. CW is a "historical curiosity" now, and their desire to raise the code speed for Extra class is not valid. Knowledge of higher speed CW did not keep the 75 meter band from turning into a mess during the 1980's and 1990's. What is needed is to move forward to raise technical standards instead of trying to move backwards to an outmoded form of communications that most other countries are abandoning as outdated and obsolete.